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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 2157 (Chu), as introduced on February 21, 2006, would allow the City of El Monte and the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend the Downtown El Monte Redevelopment Project to carry out transit oriented projects. Specifically, the bill would 1) eliminate the time limit on the establishment of indebtedness; 2) increase from \$44.4 million to \$65 million the amount of bonded indebtedness that the agency may have outstanding at any one time; 3) increase to \$150 million the amount of tax increment revenues that may be allocated to the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency; 4) define a geographic specific area in El Monte as a "transit oriented redevelopment project"; 5) allow redevelopment funds to be used for public infrastructure improvements including, among other things, relocation of a fire station, acquisition of public park lands, and construction of parking structures for park visitors and mass transit commuters; and 6) modify required pass-through payments to taxing agencies (except the County). AB 2157 is a reintroduction of County-opposed AB 1167 (Chu) from last year which failed passage.

Existing law, the 1993 Community Redevelopment Reform Act (AB 1290), establishes specific blight criteria that have to be met to invoke redevelopment powers, and sets specific time limits on redevelopment plans. The AB 1290 reforms were enacted to curb redevelopment abuse such as the inappropriate extension and modification of projects that allowed redevelopment plans to continue virtually without end.

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AB 2157 would weaken current law by creating an exception to the deadline on incurring debt, and an exception to the lifetime dollar limit on the amount of tax increment. As a result, taxing agencies, such as the County, would continue to lose access to property tax funds that belong to the County once redevelopment projects are completed.

Over the last year, my office and County Counsel have had discussions with the City of El Monte to explore solutions that would eliminate the need for legislation such as AB 1167, and now AB 2157. Those discussions have not yielded a solution that protects the County fiscally, and meets the expectations of the City. While we continue to be open to further discussion, in the meantime, **because AB 2157 would divert local tax revenues from critical County services, our Sacramento advocates will oppose this bill.** Opposition is consistent with existing Board policy to oppose any redevelopment legislation which would cause the County to lose revenues, or which would limit or repeal provisions of AB 1290. AB 2157 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, and no hearing date has been set. The bill is sponsored by the City of El Monte.

AB 2346 (Oropeza), as introduced on February 23, 2006, would establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District. AB 2346 is similar to County-opposed AB 1330 (Karnette) from last year which failed passage.

Under current law, in areas where there is physical and economic blight, redevelopment projects can be created to improve health, safety, and general welfare. The theory behind redevelopment law is that the severe physical and economic burdens of certain areas cannot reasonably be expected to be reversed or alleviated by private enterprise or governmental action, or both, without redevelopment. Once a redevelopment plan has been adopted, the redevelopment agency is granted extraordinary powers to cure the blight, including the use of eminent domain; the receipt of property tax increment diverted from other taxing entities; and the ability to issue bonded indebtedness without voter approval.

In 1993, the Community Redevelopment Reform Act (AB 1290) was enacted to make significant procedural and substantive changes to redevelopment law to address abuses. Among the abuses was the inappropriate adoption of projects for areas that were not "blighted," and an amendment process that allowed redevelopment plans to continue virtually without end. The 1993 reforms included a clearly defined redevelopment plan adoption process with formal procedures to ensure that taxing entities and citizens have the opportunity to provide input and comments; an expansion of the requirement to prepare certain detailed reports and documents regarding the proposed project and its environmental impact; clarification of the blight definition and

blight finding requirements; and the imposition of statutory time limits for incurring debt and for the duration of the plan.

AB 2346 deems that, upon adoption of a City Council resolution, the Los Angeles Harbor District "shall be considered a redevelopment agency for all purposes under State law." Additionally, AB 2346 would eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operation and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses), and modify possessory interest property taxation.

AB 2346 substantially bypasses the blight standards and procedural mechanisms under current law to effectuate redevelopment projects, and would likely have a major impact on taxing agencies, such as the County, which would suffer a loss of access to property taxes that would not be returned for at least 40 years when the project may be completed. The potential revenue loss to the County is significant. When my office analyzed data provided by the City of Los Angeles related to AB 1330, the County's estimated property tax loss could range from \$25 million to \$50 million.

Because AB 2346 would divert local tax revenues from critical County services, our Sacramento advocates will oppose this bill. Opposition is consistent with existing Board policy to oppose any redevelopment legislation which would cause the County to lose revenues or which would limit or repeal provisions of AB 1290. AB 1330 has not been referred to a committee, and may be heard after March 26, 2006.

AB 2961 (Nuñez), was introduced on February 24, 2006. The bill contains several provisions to enhance CalWORKs benefits for homeless CalWORKs families and assistance for CalWORKs families at imminent risk of homelessness. AB 2961 redefines CalWORKs homelessness to include families that receive an eviction notice and who can demonstrate that the eviction is the direct result of a verified financial hardship due to extraordinary circumstances beyond the family's control and not due to other lease or rental violations. This provision will allow eligible families at-risk of homelessness to receive a special one-time permanent housing assistance payment to pay rent in arrears and thus, prevent eviction. Current law only allows such a one-time payment for homeless CalWORKs families to pay the previous month's rent and security deposits, but only once they are "on the street".

The bill also increases the emergency shelter rate for homeless CalWORKs families. Under current law, homeless families may receive \$40 per night for temporary shelter. Larger families may receive \$10 for each additional family member up to a total of \$80 per night. AB 2961 increases the temporary shelter rate to \$65 per night for a family of four and provides \$15 for each additional person up to a maximum of \$125 per night. This increase is needed to keep pace with the lowest motel/hotel rates in Los Angeles County which range from \$55 to \$75 per night, and prevent homeless families from having to spend down their limited cash benefits to stay off the street.

Furthermore, AB 2961 increases the maximum amount of CalWORKs permanent family housing assistance to include costs related to securing rental housing (i.e., last month's rent and security deposit) or preventing eviction. Under current law, the non-recurring special need for permanent housing assistance may not exceed 80 percent of the family's CalWORKs maximum aid payment. This means a family of four with a CalWORKs grant of \$897 is only eligible to receive a maximum amount of \$718 in permanent housing assistance. In the current housing market, this amount is inadequate to cover average rent for a basic two bedroom apartment, which is about \$1200. AB 2961 amends State law to specify that permanent housing assistance may not exceed 80 percent of the family's total household income, which better aligns the grant with the average rental rates in today's market.

Finally, AB 2961 will be amended to provide short-term monthly employment services for non-sanctioned CalWORKs participants, who recently received CalWORKs Permanent Housing Assistance, and for whom housing instability threatens their ability to secure or retain a job.

It is current Board policy to sponsor or support legislation to amend State law to enhance the CalWORKs Homeless and Housing Assistance Program by creating an eviction prevention assistance benefit, increasing the CalWORKs Temporary Homeless Assistance benefit, raising the eligibility threshold and payment level for CalWORKs Permanent Homeless Assistance, and creating a time-limited rental subsidy for certain qualified CalWORKs families. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will pursue AB 2961 as a County-sponsored bill and work with Speaker Nuñez and the co-sponsors to seek passage of this legislation.** AB 2961 is also sponsored by San Francisco County and the County Welfare Directors Association. AB 2961 has not yet been referred to a committee and may be heard after March 27, 2006.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-sponsored SB 699 (Soto), which would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to name-based, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee with technical amendments on March 2, 2006 by a vote of 16 to 0. **SB 699** now proceeds to the Assembly Floor, and it is expected that the full Assembly will vote on it next week.

County-opposed unless amended SB 1206 (Kehoe) which attempts to reform key elements of California redevelopment law passed the Senate Local Government Committee, with amendments, on March 1, 2006 by a 5 to 0 vote. While one amendment clarifies a proposed change to physical blight definitions relating to buildings with serious dilapidation and/or defective design, other amendments weaken redevelopment law by adding undefined "market conditions" and "inadequate public improvements" criteria to the physical blight standard, and strike previously proposed language to limit the sharing of tax increment funds through project mergers. Our

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Sacramento advocates have been in contact with the author to express concerns about SB 1206, and she has indicated a desire to work with the County in pursuit of clearer and more workable reforms. In the meantime, **the County's Sacramento advocates will continue to oppose SB 1206 unless amended to eliminate vague and ambiguous provisions that potentially weaken current redevelopment law.** The bill proceeds to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

State Delegation Members

The office addresses of our State legislative delegation members can sometimes change during the session and therefore, we have attached the current listings for our County delegation.

Master Bill List

A roster containing the status of all bills of County interest is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2005-06 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 13	Goldberg	Support (State Update: 4/21/05)	Would establish the California Racial Mascots Act which would prohibit public schools from using the term 'Redskins' as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname beginning January 1, 2007. Schools with enrollment boundaries that include a portion of Indian reservations would be exempted provided that the tribe having regulatory jurisdiction over the territory has authorized the use of the team name, mascot or nickname through an appropriate enactment or resolution.	Vetoed
AB 22	Lieber, Liu	Support (Board Action: 6/7/05)	Would define and provide strong deterrents to the crime of human trafficking, which involves the recruitment, transportation, or sale of persons for forced labor.	Chapter 240 of 2005
AB 109	Chan	Support (State Update: 9/8/05)	NOW: Still does the same but was recently amended to strengthen fiscal oversight by the State and maintain local control over First 5 commissions.	Chapter 284 of 2005
		Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its operating budget that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. This bill was double-joined to SB 35 (Florez), a related measure.	
AB 126	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 1/25/05)	Would require counties to make and publish findings based on public hearings that closing, eliminating, reducing indigent health care services, or leasing, selling or transferring management of a county facility will not have a detrimental impact on the health care needs of indigent people in the county.	Died in Assembly
AB 137	Committee on Budget	Support (State Update: 9/9/05)	Would implement the agreement reached between Senator Migden and the City of Long Beach with respect to the use of Tidelands revenues for abandoned oil well clean-up and would allow the City to use the revenues produced in the State Tidelands for future use in clean-up of oil fields.	Chapter 521 of 2005

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 158	Bermudez	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would create the Special Railroad Safety Task Force, comprised of specified members, and require the task force to meet monthly from January 2007 to December 2007 to study certain railroad safety issues, including vandalism, transporting hazardous waste, and identifying threats from terrorism, deficiencies in current land use planning and deficiencies for responding to railroad emergencies, and make recommendations for improving railroad safety.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications
AB 208	Gordon, Parra	Support (Board Action: 2/15/05)	Would authorize school districts that have elected to become a school district of choice prior to April 1, 2005, to give priority for transfers to the children of military personnel, and establish specific time lines within which such a transfer may be requested by the parent or guardian, and must be resolved by the school district.	Chapter 142 of 2005
AB 262	Berg	Support in Concept (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would prohibit the Judicial Council from requiring that a court facility proposed to be transferred from a county to the State be held to a stricter standard than those standards adopted by the county for county buildings.	Died in Assembly
AB 327	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 7/27/05)	Would establish a new voluntary \$50 fee for the issuance or renewal of a physician and surgeon's license certificate to fund the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program which provides financial incentives to a physician to practice in a medically underserved community for a minimum of three years.	Chapter 293 of 2005
AB 338	Levine	Support (State Update: 3/30/05)	Would require the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to gradually phase in the use of crumb rubber, which is used to make rubberized-asphalt concrete, on State highway construction and repair projects, to the extent feasible. Only crumb rubber manufactured in the United States that is derived from waste tires taken from vehicles owned and operated in the U.S. may be used for compliance.	Chapter 709 of 2005
AB 378	Chu	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	Would extend the statute of limitation from one year to three years for the commencement of any action seeking penalties for an alleged violation of California's hate crimes statute, thereby aligning the administrative and civil statute of limitations for victims of hate crimes seeking civil remedies.	Chapter 123 of 2005

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 379	Koretz	No Position	NOW: Was amended to prohibit health plans and life and disability insurers from basing coverage decisions solely on the fact that an applicant is a transgender individual.	Senate Health
	Evans	Support (State Update: 6/21/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have allowed satisfactory progress in a secondary school to count toward the 20 hours of core welfare-to-work activities required by CalWORKS participants to the extent the hours spent in secondary education cannot be accomplished within the remaining hours of required activities. It would have also allowed participation in vocational education, or other activities that would not preclude recipients from being able to count the following activities toward their 20-hour core requirement: 1) mental health, substance abuse, or domestic violence services; 2) adult education; 3) job skills training; 4) education directly related to employment; and 5) satisfactory progress in a secondary school.	Chapter 692 of 2005
AB 547	Berg, Richman	Support (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency, and authorize clean needle exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor and the local health officer. This bill would require all local jurisdictions with a needle exchange program to have an annual public hearing that provides the public, local government, law enforcement and local public health officials the opportunity to evaluate and comment on the program.	Died in Assembly
AB 613	Mountjoy	Support (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would establish a higher burden of proof for the determination of "job relatedness" in workers' compensation cases. Under current law, an injury is deemed compensable (job related) if the job contributes in any manner or degree as the cause of the injury. AB 613 would provide that for an injury to be deemed compensable there must be a preponderance of evidence that employment activities were the predominant causes of the injury.	Vetoed
AB 624	Montanez	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to modify the electronic Child Health and Disability Program (CHDP) gateway application process to allow simultaneous application for CHDP, Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program, and to provide for continuing preliminary benefits until eligibility is finally determined.	Vetoed

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 642	Negrete-McLeod	Oppose Unless Amended to limit liability to those instances where injury or death is a result of an action by the employer (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would create a job-related presumption for workers' compensation for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance. Under the bill, the employer would be liable even if the vaccination is procured solely by the employee without direction of the employer.	Died in Assembly
AB 667	Jones	No Position	NOW: Was amended to require the Legislative Analyst's Office to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the child support program, convene an advisory group to provide oversight of the process, and report the findings and recommendations of the evaluation to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.	Senate Appropriations
		Oppose (State Update: 4/21/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed the performance standards relating to, and State oversight of, local child support agencies and required the State to either seek the removal of the local administrator or assess a financial penalty for failure to achieve performance standards.	
		Support (State Update: 8/17/05)	NOW: The bill was recently amended to retain the SFIS photographing requirement and eliminates SFIS for Food Stamp only cases.	Vetoed
		Support and Amend to retain the SFIS photograph requirement for CalWORKs cases and General Relief cases with Food Stamps (State Update: 6/23/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Still does the same but was amended to maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance, eliminate SFIS for Food Stamp only cases, and eliminate the current SFIS requirement of taking photographs of CalWORKs and Food Stamp applicants as a condition of receiving benefits.	
		Support if Amended to retain fingerprint imaging for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance (State Update: 3/28/05)	INITIALLY: Would have: 1) replaced the quarterly reporting in CalWORKs and Food Stamps with semi-annual reporting; 2) provided categorical eligibility to Food Stamp benefits for certain Medi-Cal participants; 3) simplified Food Stamp verification requirements; 4) required the State to seek a Federal waiver to exempt certain Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents from the 3 month limit to Food Stamp benefits, at the option of the County; and 5) eliminated the requirement to maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in connection with eligibility for CalWORKs, Food Stamps and General Assistance.	

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 717	Gordon, Horton	Support (State Update: 5/26/05)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to address the County's concerns regarding compliance and reimbursement rates.	Died in Senate
		Support and Amend to specify that the Centinela Airport Clinic must comply with the policies and procedures of the local EMS Agency to receive basic life support patients as part of the 911 EMS system, and to increase reimbursement rates for physicians and ambulance service providers (Board Action: 5/10/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) required the Centinela Airport Clinic to receive private and government reimbursement rates equivalent to that of a contiguous emergency department of a general acute care hospital if it met certain specified requirements; 2) authorized the Centinela Airport Clinic to receive 911 telephone system transports of basic life-support patients at the rate applicable in October, 2004; and 3) required the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency to report to the Legislature by May 1, 2008 on the effect the clinic has had on the quality of emergency health care services provided by the clinic.	
AB 761	Jones	Oppose (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would require acute general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and special hospitals to consider any staffing guidelines developed by relevant professional associations in determining non-nurse staffing levels and to annually review and report worker and patient injury rates.	Died in Senate
AB 779	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to work with counties, providers and advocates to implement an automated procedure to give Medi-Cal providers access to the due dates of the annual Medi-Cal redetermination and semi-annual status report, which patients must submit to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility and a beneficiary's final month and year of Medi-Cal eligibility. Under this bill, Medi-Cal providers would have the option of notifying Medi-Cal beneficiaries of approaching due dates for these required reports using information from the automated system. The State would be required to implement the automated notification system on or before June 30, 2006, if funds are appropriated for this purpose.	Vetoed
AB 783	Jones	Support (State Update: 4/1/05)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred by local governments in the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor in 2005 to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senate or Representative in Congress. It also provides that where an election is consolidated with a local election, the State would only pay for those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.	Chapter 714 of 2005

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AB 856	Bass	Support (Board Action: 4/19/05)	Would add the Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee, as a non-voting member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) board, make changes pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and repeal the requirement that the BHC obtain and maintain liability insurance.	Chapter 223 of 2005
AB 862	Bass	Support (State Update: 5/12/05)	Would direct the Department of Corrections to provide information on child support modification orders to every inmate who is a parent of a minor. The Department of Child Support Services would develop the information and provide it to the Department of Corrections for distribution. The information would include: 1) a Child Support Handbook; 2) a pamphlet entitled "Child Support Information for the Parent in Jail or Prison"; and 3) any other material developed by the Department of Child Support Services that will provide the necessary information regarding child support processes and procedures.	Vetoed
AB 889	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 5/2/05)	Would continue the authority of counties to collect registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices (scales and meters used to calculate the price of goods sold) by repealing the sunset date of January 1, 2006, and would aim to standardize the way county point-of-sale (scanner) inspection programs operate.	Chapter 529 of 2005
AB 921	Daucher	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) allow the term of redevelopment projects to be extended for an additional 25 years without making a new finding of blight; 2) allow a redevelopment agency, during a 25-year extension, to use up to 40 percent of the property tax allocated for infrastructure improvements related to the production of market-priced or affordable housing while using a minimum of 60 percent of the funds to increase, improve, or preserve market-priced and affordable housing; and 3) limit the amount of property tax shifted to redevelopment agency receipts during a 25-year extension to 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be allocated under current law.	Died in Assembly
AB 1056	Chu	Support (State Update: 2/27/06)	Would establish the Tolerance Education Pilot Program to promote the teaching of tolerance and inter-group relations as part of the instruction in history and social sciences in public schools. Would also require the State Department of Education (SDE) to administer the program, and allow schools to apply to SDE for funding and receive a one-time grant of \$25,000 per school.	Senate Education

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AB 1090	Matthews	No Position	NOW: Was amended to remove the authorization for jurisdictions to earn diversion credit for the use of conversion technologies.	Died in Assembly
		Support (Board Action: 3/29/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have defined conversion technologies and promoted their development by incorporating conversion technologies within the State's waste management hierarchy in proper context to its environmental benefits and impacts, and provided diversion credit to jurisdictions that utilize such facilities.	
AB 1167	Chu	Oppose (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would allow the City of El Monte and the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend the Downtown El Monte Redevelopment Project and: 1) eliminate the time limit on the establishment of indebtedness; 2) increase from \$44.4 million to \$65 million the amount of bonded indebtedness that the agency may have outstanding at any one time; 3) extend the time limit on the effectiveness of the plan for up to an additional 10 years; 4) substitute required pass-through payments to taxing agencies (including the County) with "certain tax increment amounts"; and 5) commit 30 percent of all taxes allocated pursuant to transit oriented projects to low and moderate income housing.	Died in Assembly
AB 1248	Umberg	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/05)	Would prohibit a county from imposing a booking fee on local agencies, colleges, and universities for county costs incurred in processing or booking persons arrested by those entities for a felony offense, by permitting the charging of a fee only for crimes which are not felonies. The measure also expressly prohibits the imposition of booking fees for misdemeanor offenses relating to driving under the influence, domestic violence, battery, and specified sex-related offenses.	Died in Assembly
AB 1252	Pavley	No Position	NOW: Was amended to authorize the State Department of Transportation to employ the design-build method or design-sequencing method for construction of carpool lanes on the 405 Freeway in Los Angeles.	Senate Inactive File
		Support (Board Action: 4/26/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have authorized the County to designate Mulholland Highway as an official County Scenic Highway.	

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AB 1269	Pavley	Support and Amend to specify a local appropriation based on population and location and include beach facilities and improvements in the eligible uses for grant assistance (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would enact the Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, and Parks Act of 2007, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize an unspecified amount in State General Obligation Bonds for resource protection, acquisition, restoration and development. The bill has four major funding categories (Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, Parks and Wildlife Protection), all of which the County would be eligible to compete for funding. The bill currently does not specify an amount of bond funding or identify a future statewide ballot for the proposal to be submitted to the voters. The bill provides that up to 10 percent of the program funds would be made available to finance monitoring, research, or planning necessary for successful project implementation.	Died in Assembly
AB 1285	Montanez	County-sponsored	Would expand eligibility for participation in the Investing in Early Educators stipend program to include persons working in licensed family child care homes and child care centers that do not hold California Department of Education contracts.	Chapter 650 of 2005
AB 1330	Karnette	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles, and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District (LAHD); 2) create a new definition of blight that fits the circumstances of the LAHD; 3) exempt the LAHD from certain environmental impact report requirements; 4) shorten plan adoption reporting requirements; and 5) eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operations and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses).	Died in Assembly
AB 1331	Umborg	Oppose (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would exempt most safety member employees from workers' compensation reforms established by SB 899 of 2004 relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions.	Died in Assembly

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AB 1333	Frommer	Support (State Update: 6/3/05)	Would: 1) make it a crime for a grease hauler to discard grease materials at any place other than an authorized facility; 2) prohibit a grease hauler from reinserting grease materials into any facility from which the hauler has just removed the material; 3) subject violators to a misdemeanor, punishable by six months in jail or a maximum \$10,000 fine, or both, and allows the court to bar repeat violators from engaging in the grease hauling business for up to five years; and 4) earmark 50 percent of penalty revenue to the Environmental and Training Account, 25 percent to the customary penalty distribution process, and 25 percent to the local health officer or other local official who investigated the matter bringing the action.	Senate Inactive File
AB 1368	Umbreg	Oppose (State Update: 6/29/05)	Would exempt public safety employees from certain elements of the workers' compensation reform enacted by SB 899 of 2004 relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
AB 1380	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 4/12/05)	Would require: 1) the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to request the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to delegate authority to the CPUC to implement inventory management guidelines to ensure carrier compliance with 6-month inventory rules and timing for donations and returns to the telecommunications numbering pool; 2) the CPUC to develop rules that ensure compliance with FCC numbering resource optimization orders; and 3) these rules to be implemented immediately upon the delegation of authority by the FCC, and specify that other requirements would be placed upon telephone corporations regarding the inventory of numbering resources applicable if the CPUC fails to develop and implement rules by July 31, 2006.	Vetoed
AB 1459	Canciamilla	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would increase the small claims court jurisdiction over actions brought by an individual, if the amount does not exceed \$7,500, with specified exceptions and provides that small claims court advisory services must cover specific topics relating to small claims court rules, filings, procedures related to conduct of the hearing, and information on the collection of small claims court judgments. In addition, on and after July 1, 2006, this bill would require temporary judges to complete ethics and substantive law courses covering State, Federal, and local laws.	Chapter 618 of 2005
AB 1491	Calderon	Oppose (Board Action: 3/8/05)	Would reduce the Housing Authority's responsibility for the allocation of Industry Housing Fund Program funds by authorizing the City of Industry to transfer up to 50 percent of the low-and moderate-income housing funds currently administered by the Housing Authority to another eligible public entity located outside the City.	Died in Assembly

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AB 1511	Evans	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to: 1) include Los Angeles County as an entity eligible to use the design-build contract method; 2) double-join AB 1511 to SB 287 (Cox); and 3) make other changes related to design build. PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, add 19 counties to the list of counties eligible to use the design-build contracting method, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contract method.	Chapter 350 of 2005
		Support if Amended to include Los Angeles County (Board Action: 7/5/05)		
AB 1565	Pavley	Support (State Update: 6/7/05)	Would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to select an independent contractor by May 31, 2006 to study the development, implementation and evaluation of a statewide quality rating system for child day care centers and family day care homes. The contractor must conduct the study in consultation with an advisory group selected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and submit a final report on the study findings to the Legislature no later than one year after the contract is awarded. The bill appropriates \$1.5 million to execute the study and produce the report, and \$345,000 to CDE to hire a consultant to develop a request for proposal to select the independent contractor, staff the advisory panel, and to oversee and monitor the contract.	Vetoed
AB 1605	Wolk, Berg	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults.	Died in Assembly
AB 1664	De Le Torre	Support (State Update: 7/12/05)	NOW: Was amended to establish the New Californians Act to assist eligible immigrants through the naturalization process and require the California Department of Community Services and Development to: 1) develop a comprehensive, coordinated, accessible and accountable naturalization and civic participation program; 2) create a method for allocating funds for services; and 3) establish an advisory committee to monitor the effectiveness of the New Californians Act.	Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance
	Gordon	Oppose (State Update: 6/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have permitted voluntary disclosure of elder or dependent adult financial abuse by financial institutions, and required certain financial institutions to provide training to their employees regarding such abuse. It would also have granted broad civil and criminal immunity to financial institutions and their officers, employees, and agents related to any financial abuse that is disclosed.	

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AB 1769	Negrete-McLeod	County-sponsored	Would provide an exemption for the Los Angeles County Fire Chief from the mandatory retirement provisions under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, only if the person was employed as fire chief prior to May 1, 2005 and the person retires before April 1, 2009. The bill extends this exemption only through April 1, 2009. Urgency measure.	Chapter 134 of 2005
AB 1785	Bermudez	Support (State Update: 2/24/06)	Would increase the amount required to be budgeted for allocation to grade separation projects from \$15 million to \$70 million annually.	Assembly Transportation
AB 1799	Umbreg	Support (State Update: 2/24/06)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2006, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or member of the Assembly or to fill a vacancy in the office of the United States Senate or Representative in Congress. Where an election proclaimed by the Governor is consolidated with a local election, the State would pay only those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor. Urgency measure.	Assembly Elections and Redistricting
AB 1873	Torrico	Support if Amended to maintain the current scope of the Safe Surrender program to infants up to 72 hours of age and allow local Board of Supervisors to designate Safe Surrender sites (Board Action: 1/31/06)	Would: 1) designate fire stations as Safe Surrender sites; 2) raise the age at which a minor child can be surrendered from 72 hours old or younger to one year of age or younger; 3) appropriate \$5 million to the California Department of Social Services to conduct a statewide awareness campaign publicizing the existence of Safe Surrender sites; and 4) require the State to establish and operate a toll-free telephone number to provide information and assistance to the public regarding Safe Surrender sites.	Assembly Public Safety
AB 2240	Committee on Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security	Support (State Update: 2/27/06)	Would permit noncontributory retirement plan employees in 1937 Retirement Act counties to purchase up to five years of service credit upon payment of additional contributions prior to retirement either by lump sum or by installment payments over a period of up to ten years. This bill is a local option measure.	Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security
AB 2870	De La Torre	County-sponsored	Would allow testing of inmates for communicable diseases in addition to HIV and AIDS when a law enforcement employee, including prosecutors, public defenders, and staff, are exposed to such communicable diseases through contact with an inmate in locations including a courtroom.	Assembly Desk
ACA 17	Mullin	Support (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would amend the California Constitution to authorize 17-year old citizens, who will be at least 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special elections that occur after the person is eligible to register to vote.	Assembly Floor

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AJR 22	Bass	County-sponsored	Would urge Congress and the President to take immediate action to eliminate restrictions on child death review teams to access school records of deceased children.	Resolution Chapter 101 of 2005
SB 34	Florez	No Position	NOW: Was amended to address the probation requirements of sex offenders and make other changes related to sex offender registration.	Died in Senate
			PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that the majority of the membership of the county First 5 commissions consist of persons who do not represent a county.	
SB 35	Florez	Oppose (Board Action: 3/1/05) Support (State Update: 9/8/05)	NOW: Was recently amended to strengthen fiscal oversight by the State and maintain local control over First 5 commissions. PREVIOUSLY: Would have required: 1) county First 5 commissions to send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission; 2) the State Commission report to include a listing, by category, of the aggregate expenditures on program areas funded by the State and county commissions; and 3) the Controller to issue guidelines for expanded annual audits of each county commission. The State Commission was allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data. This measure was double-joined to AB 109 (Chan), a related bill.	Chapter 243 of 2005
SB 57	Alarcon	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by allowing county board of supervisors, by resolution, to levy an additional \$2 penalty assessment on every \$10 penalty for all criminal offenses and moving violations. Also requires 15 percent of the funds collected to be used to fund all public and private pediatric trauma centers throughout the county, and requires counties that do not maintain a pediatric trauma center to use these funds to improve access to pediatric trauma and emergency services in the county.	Vetoed

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SB 112	Ortiz	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to maintain the State's current formula which allocates RESS funds based on the number of aided refugees who live in each county, but modifies the formula to give more weight to those counties with more aided refugees in the U.S. less than 2 years.	Chapter 492 of 2005
		Oppose (State Update: 4/8/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed the formula used to calculate each county's share of total State Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) and Refugee Targeted Assistance Program (RTAP) funds. The bill would have required 50 percent of the RESS funds to be allocated on the proportion of refugees receiving public assistance, and the remaining 50 percent based on the most recent 60-month refugee arrival data. Would also have allocated RTAP funds based on the arrival data during the most recent 60-month period using Federal methodology. These changes would have resulted in the County receiving \$700,000 less funds for the Refugee Employment Program.	
SB 116	Dutton	Support (Board Action: 2/1/05) and County-sponsored	Would eliminate the Safe Surrender Law sunset provision in order to provide for the safe surrender of infants as a permanent alternative to abandonment.	Chapter 625 of 2005
SB 148	Scott	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would authorize any county or city to apply new zoning regulations to pre-existing businesses which sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption, such as liquor stores, allow affected businesses up to six months to comply, and authorize local agencies to allow longer time periods.	Assembly Governmental Organization
SB 153	Chesbro	Support and Amend to include beaches in the definition of parks (State Update: 4/12/05)	Would enact the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$3.945 billion in State General Obligation bonds for acquisition, development, restoration and preservation projects.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 258	Chesbro	Support (Board Action: 5/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Mental Health to establish a working group to develop recommendations on improving the quality of care in residential care facilities serving adults with mental illness.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 266	Romero	Support (State Update: 6/14/05)	Would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to establish a trauma care advisory committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan for presentation to the EMSA and the Legislature by January 1, 2007, to address all aspects of a trauma care system, including a seamless statewide transportation system, and all possible funding sources.	Vetoed
SB 267	Romero	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would repeal all minimum distribution requirements, require local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies to utilize a competitive grant-based system for allocating the funds, and require local EMS agencies to determine distribution of funds based on new criteria.	Assembly Appropriations

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SB 287	Cox	Support (State Update: 7/7/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to: 1) include Los Angeles County as an entity eligible to use the design-build contract method; 2) double-join SB 287 to AB 1511 (Evans); and 3) make other changes related to design build.	Chapter 376 of 2005
		Support if Amended to include Los Angeles County (Board Action: 7/5/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the sunset date in the design-build statute from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2011, add 20 counties to the list of counties eligible to use the design-build contracting method, and make other changes related to the use of the design-build contract method.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 308	Simitian	Support (State Update: 6/28/05)	Would allow counties the option, upon adoption of a resolution by a county board of supervisors, to increase recording fees on real estate documents up to \$2 to fund programs to deter, investigate, and prosecute civil proceedings involving the financial abuse of elder and dependent adults through fraudulent real estate transactions.	
SB 324	McClintock	Support (State Update: 3/15/05)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action, and authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day.	Died in Senate
SB 395	Escutia	Support if Amended to define 'court purposes' to include all county-court-related functions that are necessary for the efficient operation of the Superior Court (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would enact the California Court Facilities Bond Act of 2006 to fund the acquisition, construction, and renovation of trial court facilities, and place the bond act, for an as yet unspecified amount, on the ballot for the next Statewide election. This bill would provide funding needed because of the depletion of the Courthouse Construction Fund to build new court facilities or renovate existing court facilities that have been transferred to the State and allows the Judicial Council to require counties to pay for their share of bond principal, interest, and expenses for new construction or renovation.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 399	Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would allow a county to assert a lien against a recovery that injured Medi-Cal eligible patients receive from a third party. It would allow a lien for past medical expenses against a settlement or compromise, in addition to a judgment and establish a new court procedure for resolving disputes that may arise between the provider and the patient relating to the amount that would be reimbursed to the provider.	Vetoed
SB 411	Alarcon	Oppose (State Update: 1/17/06)	Would eliminate the use of diversion credit for green waste as an alternative daily cover, which would jeopardize local jurisdictions' achievement of the State's 50 percent waste reduction mandate and increase costs for local jurisdictions and residents for the collection and processing of green waste materials.	Died in Senate

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SB 466	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 1/26/06)	NOW: Was amended to authorize a pilot project within the City of Beverly Hills to use a mobile photo radar enforcement system within residential districts and school zones.	Died in Senate
		Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Still would have done the same thing but was amended to include school zones as requested by the County.	
		Support and Amend to include school zones (State Update: 3/8/05)	INITIALLY: Would have allowed a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements.	Died in Senate
SB 516	Ortiz	Support (State Update: 4/5/05)	Would require residential care facilities for the elderly with six or fewer clients or residents, licensed as of January 1, 2007, to have an automatic fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2013. Facilities licensed on or after January 1, 2009 would be required to have an automatic fire sprinkler system on the date of licensure.	Died in Senate
SB 521	Tortakson	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to extend the boundaries of a transit village development plan; 2) amending current redevelopment law to include the lack of high density development within a transit village development district as an economic condition that causes blight; and 3) requiring the agency to submit the proposed transit village redevelopment plan to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank which would make a finding on whether the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of redevelopment law.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
SB 539	Ashburn	Oppose (State Update: 6/23/05)	Would delay the start of payment for child care services to license-exempt providers until the provider is registered through the California Department of Social Services' Trustline program.	Assembly Human Services
SB 578	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would require a railroad corporation to promptly notify the Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and designated county public safety agencies in an endangered area, of certain information relative to hazardous materials, and in certain events, of train and track locations, whether or not an accident or spill occurs. It also requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to investigate any incident that results in a notification pursuant to this requirement, and to include this information in its annual report to the Legislature.	Chapter 684 of 2005

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SB 640	Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/10/05)	Would appropriate \$5 million in one-time only Federal quality carryover child development funds to continue local programs of training and technical assistance to child care providers to increase their capacity to care for children with disabilities, and specifies the eligible uses of the funds received by child care resource and referral agencies.	Chapter 379 of 2005
SB 656	Romero	County-sponsored	Would allow a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local tax of up to 5 percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Died in Senate
SB 658	Kuehl	Support and Amend to clarify the proposed allocation of funds, project consultation provisions, and the audit responsibility (Board Action: 7/19/05)	Would establish the Coastal Environmental Motor Vehicle Program and authorize the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to collect a fee of up to \$6 upon the registration or renewal of every motor vehicle registered in one of the twenty counties that elect to participate in the program, with funds to be spent on projects and grants that prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and infrastructure.	Vetoed
SB 699	Soto	County-sponsored	Would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to names-based.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 739	Speier	Support (Board Action: 9/20/05)	Would require hospitals to participate in hospital-acquired infection reporting systems. Hospitals would be required to adopt, implement, and annually evaluate a written infection control program for the surveillance, prevention and control of hospital-acquired infections.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 803	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 8/25/05)	Would reauthorize and revise Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, and would appropriate \$120 million annually to fund the Act through FY 2010-11. This bill would make changes to Proposition 36 to strengthen the program through close monitoring of defendants under a collaborative model involving treatment providers, the court, probation and parole; extended treatment services beyond the current 12-month limit when warranted; frequent drug testing; and use of short-term jail sanctions as a tool to enhance treatment compliance.	Assembly Public Safety
SB 840	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 8/16/05)	Would provide health insurance coverage to all California residents through a single payer insurance program operated by the State.	Assembly Desk
SB 861	Speier	Support (Board Action: 8/9/05)	Would amend State law to allow cities and counties to regulate specific breeds of dogs through mandatory spay/neuter programs and other breeding requirements.	Chapter 668 of 2005

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SB 869	Bowen	Support (State Update: 6/17/05)	Would establish the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and require the California Department of Health Services to make grants available to counties for the provision of voluntary visiting nurse services to first-time pregnant, low-income mothers, their children and their families. It would require that the program would be implemented only to the extent that funds for this purpose are appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute that would authorize the Department to allocate any funds received for the program to program grantees.	Vetoed
SB 926	Florez	Oppose (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would permit the Kern County Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance to regulate or prohibit the land application of sewage sludge in the unincorporated areas of Kern County, and would require the prohibition, if enacted, to exempt land application permitted by a State or local entity before the effective date of the prohibition. The exemption would not apply to any renewal of a pre-existing permit that regulates the land application of bio-solids when the renewal occurs after the effective date of the prohibition.	Assembly Local Government
SB 945	Soto	County-sponsored	Would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to names-based.	Died in Senate
SB 969	Ducheny, Morrow	Oppose (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would exempt a driver who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a safety helmet when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bike, if the driver has completed a motorcycle rider training program or has held a class M1 license for two years or more and has proof of current medical insurance. Would also exempt a passenger who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a helmet if the passenger has proof of current medical insurance.	Died in Senate
SB 1018	Simitian	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults. The bill would also: 1) establish civil penalties from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 if the failure to report resulted in a death or great bodily injury; 2) require the penalty to be payable by the financial institution to the elder or dependent adult; and 3) create a liability-free period for newly-hired tellers for failing to report suspected elder abuse during the first six months of the teller's employment.	Chapter 140 of 2005

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SB 1086	Migden	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to delete language which would prevent the City of Long Beach from sequestering tidelands revenue for oil extraction mitigation and now extends for five years the sunset provision for the Resources Trust Fund.	Vetoed
		Oppose (Board Action: 6/21/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited the City of Long Beach from setting aside oil revenues produced in the State Tidelands for future use in cleanup of oil fields and would have required the City to return revenues in the abandonment reserve fund to the State.	
SB 1100	Perata, Ducheny	Support (State Update: 9/7/05)	Would implement the Medicaid (Medi-Cal) hospital financing waiver recently agreed to by California and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).	Chapter 560 of 2005
SB 1206	Kehoe	Oppose Unless Amended to eliminate vague and ambiguous provisions that potentially weaken current redevelopment law (State Update: 2/27/06)	Would reform key elements of California redevelopment law by: 1) making numerous changes to the definition of blight; 2) limiting the inclusion of unblighted parcels from redevelopment projects by requiring "other substantial justification"; 3) increasing oversight of redevelopment agencies by extending the timeframe for filing lawsuits regarding redevelopment decisions from 60 to 90 days; 4) requiring the Attorney General to review the validity of such lawsuits and making the State an interest party; 5) changing the way redevelopment agencies can merge projects and incur debt; and 6) prohibiting redevelopment agencies from buying land for a city hall or county administration building.	Senate Local Government Committee
SJR 13	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would urge the President and Congress of the United States to amend the Federal Railroad Safety Act to increase authority of state and local governments to enact railroad safety regulations providing greater protection for their residents from railroad derailments, hazardous materials spills, and highway-rail crossing accidents, as long as state enactments, rules, or regulations do not conflict with Federal law and do not impose an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce.	Assembly Transportation Committee